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Isn't that a rule and regulation that could come under....
I want a demonstrated ability.

SENATOR MARESH: I think it would be in the judgement of the Governor, when he makes the appointment, that these people are qualified to make determinations as to foreign development and research....

SENATOR MILLS: Then the chief shall be appointed by the Governor under this bill?

SENATOR MARESH: No. I guess that's done by the board. The committee appoints the chief. Right.

SENATOR MILLS: The committee appoints the chief? Now who appoints the committee?

SENATOR MARESH: The governor.

SENATOR MILLS: Could that be a political appointment or is there something there that says that those people on that committee should have five years experience in the soybean business? In other words, they wouldn't have to be involved in any type of agriculture business at all.

SENATOR MARESH: Oh no, they have to be a soybean producer. That's one of the recommendations.

SENATOR MILLS: The other day, Senator Maresh, I sent a statement around to the members of the Legislature, the finances of the Wheat Division and as you can see, and as you've noted on your fiscal note in this bill, we're talking about alot of money. This isn't just a little business to go out and promote something, this is a big business. I'm concerned about those areas, I'm concerned, as you later explain in the bill, that it is not mandatory that those people who are soybean raisers can apply for, is that correct, the money back that they have been charged for?

SENATOR MARESH: That's right. In sixty days, they can ask for a refund.

SENATOR MILLS: Thank you.

PRESIDENT: Senator Duis.

SENATOR DUIS: A question of Senator Maresh, if I might. You speak of the refund that's here now, is the payment voluntary to start with or compulsory?

SENATOR MARESH: It's compulsory to start with but a refund within sixty days.

SENATOR DUIS: But the refund....how do they apply for the refund? Is it according to what the amendment is here, that a...will the Department of Agriculture provide them with the refund blank or who does this?

SENATOR MARESH: I suppose all they have to do is write a letter to the Department of Agriculture that they want a refund and then they would have to prove....I suppose they'd have a sale slip to prove that they did pay this tax. That's what the bill calls for. They have to prove that they have this refund made....prove that they have this checkout made.